

From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 2:34 PM
To: 'Free Spirit'
Subject: RE: docket 2017-228-s

Dear Ms. Grace,

Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2017-228-S - Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment of Rates and Charges for Customers in the Palmetto Utilities and Palmetto of Richland County Service Areas

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Executive Assistant
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
803-896-5133

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From: Free Spirit [mailto:_____]_____
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 2:16 PM
To: Easterling, Deborah <Deborah.Easterling@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: docket 2017-228-s

My name is Jane Grace. I am _____ with two small rescued dogs (who don't use the sewer), on a fixed income. Unlike water usage fees paid to the City of Columbia (fair), I have paid the same amount for sewer fees as a large family does for almost 17 years. I do not think it is fair for a hike in my sewer fees to fund future expansions of sewers by rich developers to accommodate buyers of future developments – expensive houses that I could never afford myself. I live at _____ and Drive in the Briarcliffe subdivision in a house about 25 years old that would probably be appraised from \$110,000 to \$120,000 at a max. I need deck repairs, house trim replaced, new weather-stripping and a front yard that needs a complete overhaul from erosion on a slanted yard (from lack of consistent watering on a west side, which raised my water bill to over a \$100 when I tried to maintain it- All that I cannot afford right now.) You may say that is none of your concern, and rightly so, but I say it still is not a moral or a fair move for the PSC to approve over-the-board rate hikes for everyone, regardless of their usage, especially exorbitant ones! Thank you.

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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 8:37 AM
To: Free Spirit
Subject: RE: docket 2017-228-s

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Public Service Commission is in receipt of your comments regarding Docket No. 2017-228-S. However, your name and/or signature is not included with the email. If you would, please include your name and email it back to me.

Should you have any questions in regards to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
 Executive Assistant
 Public Service Commission of South Carolina
 803-896-5133
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From: Free Spirit [mailto:_____]
Sent: Saturday, March 10, 2018 6:12 PM
To: PSC_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: docket 2017-228-s

WHY should present homeowners have to pay for a developer to build new sewers for new sub-divisions? Why isn't the expense for a NEW sewer line passed on to NEW homeowners in the proposed NEW sub-division as a cost included in their homes? Because the PSC has the power to do so, and here is WHY they are doing it.

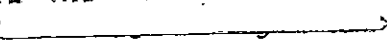
The PSC favors developers because they benefit from these relationships – in more ways than we will ever know. POLITICS AS USUAL. Every homeowner needs to write the names of the PSC down in case they continue their political ambitions in the future and never vote for any of them for any office – ever.

Present homeowners have no real power to prevent the PSC to “dump” these rate hikes on them – We will be paying money that in NO way benefits us – only the developers and their new buyers.

This method of forcing one group to finance a developer's new project should be ILLEGAL. It should also be illegal for these same greedy developers to bald-face a piece of land of every tree, so they can squeeze every house four feet from the other ones. They should also have to pay for new road development to prevent some of the traffic congestion they will create and surcharges to help pay for the new schools that will have to be built, without solely depending on the road and school taxes OTHERS (WE) have been paying for years. They are being allowed to turn our suburbs into treeless, crowded, road-congested, over-priced, ugly neighborhoods. WHY do developers have this much power that benefits only them?

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Easterling, Deborah

From: Free Sp 
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 4:07 PM
To: PSC_Contact
Subject: PSC Comments - Response from Jane Grace

"I understand that some customers, because of their low water consumption, will experience somewhat higher charges for sewer service on a flat-rate basis than on the basis of the volume of water they use. However, there is an insufficient evidentiary record upon which to base a preference for volumetric rates over flat rates, particularly where, as here, the volume of water that a customer uses does not necessarily correlate directly with the volume of sewage that a customer causes to be treated and disposed, and where the sewer provider is not the water provider. Additionally, adopting flat rates for the entire service area of the company will result in certain cost savings which will ultimately benefit the customers. On balance, I am persuaded that adopting a flat rate of approximately \$52.10 is just and reasonable."

MY WATER BILL RANGES FROM \$20 - \$25 PER MONTH! HOW MUCH VOLUME GOES DOWN THE SEWER?

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